

In order to be recommended as an accredited mediator by the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations Division, applicants must first submit to the Court of Domestic Relations, Mediation Accreditation Committee, an application. (See attached application). Once approved, mediators will be notified and added to the list published by the Court.

#### **MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR ACCREDITED MEDIATORS**

1. Completion of 40 hours of specialized family/divorce mediation training approved by Academy of Family Mediators.
2. Practitioner membership in the Academy of Family Mediators OR completion of 20 hours of internship supervised by member of the Academy of Family Mediators.
3. Adherence to the ethical guidelines as set by the Academy of Family Mediators.
4. An undergraduate degree and at least two years of professional experience with families. "Professional experience with families" includes counseling, casework, mediation or legal representation in family law matters.
5. Maintenance of appropriate liability insurance in the amount of \$300,000 coverage.
6. Adherence to the appropriate ethical standards of their profession.
- 7; A commitment to continuing education.

#### **MEDIATION ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE**

The following person or his/her designee shall serve on the mediation accreditation committee:

1. Court Administrator
2. Chief Magistrate
3. Supervisor of Parenting Department
4. Representative from Court approved accredited mediators appointed by Administrative Judge